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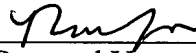
**REMARKS**

Claims 20, 21 and 31-42 are currently pending in the application. Claims 20, 31, 33-36 and 41 are rejected. This amendment cancels Claims 20, 31, 33-36 and 41.

This Amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as it merely cancels claims. Upon entry of this Amendment, the remaining claims will be Claims 21, 32, 37-40 and 42, which the Examiner has indicated are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and passage thereto is earnestly requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this Amendment may be taken from Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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